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The magazine for  
St George's Tuffley and St Margaret's Whaddon

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Growing God's Kingdom



**OUR CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR WORSHIP ONCE AGAIN!!**  
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<b>ST GEORGE'S</b>	<b>Every Sunday</b>	<b>Parish Communion at 10.30am</b>
<b>ST MARGARET'S</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>Family Praise at 10.30am and Evensong at 5.00pm</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>Parish Communion at 9.00am</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>Evensong at 5.00pm</b>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>Parish Communion at 9.00am</b>
	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<b>Parish Communion at 9.00am</b>
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# **ST GEORGE'S TUFFLEY WITH ST MARGARET'S WHADDON**

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## **OUR ASSISTANT PIONEER WRITES...**

Are you counting the days yet?

A new chapter of the story of our Benefice will, God willing, begin on Monday, 26th July when the Reverend Rachel Beck is due to be licensed as our latest incumbent.

Incumbent is a strange word which simply means a person who holds a particular office or position, but seems to imply that we, the Benefice, will be a burden to her.

Whether that 'burden' is light or heavy, a joy or a trial, will be in many ways up to us, our attitudes and responses to her leadership. Most likely, like life itself, it will prove to be a bit of both.

In last month's Crossroads, I read with interest articles which recounted fond memories of a previous incumbent, the late Rev'd Hedley Ringrose.

As we look forward to welcoming Rachel and her husband Paul, may we pray that we will help to lay down a good foundation for similar fond memories in the future as together we write the next chapter for St George's and St Margaret's.

Love and blessings,  
LORRAINE

*"Make something idiot-proof, and somebody will make a better idiot"*

### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

Our sympathies to the family and friends of: -

David Kent RIP

## **OBITUARY: THE VEN. HEDLEY RINGROSE**

Canon Michael Irving writes:

HEDLEY RINGROSE was a rare and very gifted man who discovered his vocation early in life. He was only 15 years old when, encouraged by his RE teacher to offer himself for ordination, he went to the Society of the Sacred Mission at Kelham for pre-theological studies and later to the Bernard Gilpin Society in Durham, before going to Salisbury Theological College in 1965. It was here that he found energy and vision for the ministry of the Kingdom, and a compelling understanding of priesthood.

He served two curacies, the first at Bishopston, in Bristol, and the second at Bracknell, in Berkshire. He was blessed with wise and inspiring training incumbents who enabled his abilities to flourish. Each were excellent role models when he himself became a training incumbent. He also fostered many vocations to the ministry. These were exciting years for Hedley and his wife, Rosemary, who was so much a part of his ministry in the coming decades. She was his greatest support, encourager, and critic throughout their 52 years together, and she undoubtedly enabled him to be the man and priest that he was.

In 1975, they came to the diocese of Gloucester, where he was to serve for 35 years: first, at St George's, Tuffley, a suburb of Gloucester, and then the market town of Cirencester. These were two very different communities. In both places, however, Hedley was a builder in every sense: a builder of community, of worshipping communities, and also of the physical community of church plant.

In Tuffley, he reordered the church in a striking and imposing way and organised the building of two properties for extra parish clergy. He was also responsible for creating both a housing association with 12 flats for single mothers and a night shelter for the homeless.

In Cirencester, he instigated the purchase of a different property as the vicarage and created a church bookshop, church coffee shop, and church offices, all very close to the parish church in the centre of the town. A disused Unitarian chapel nearby was purchased and later transformed into a parish centre.

With Hedley's phenomenal drive and outgoing vision for taking the Church into the heart of communities, it is little wonder that he became Archdeacon of Cheltenham. He could connect with anybody, whatever their background or their upbringing. He had an infectious laugh, great smile, and warm personality. Whenever he was in a room, people felt drawn to him. His inclusivity touched many. Even at college, we knew that he would have a remarkable influence for good wherever he went, and it was so. Wherever he exercised his ministry and priesthood, be it parish or archdeaconry, it was rooted in place and people. He had unflagging good humour, wisdom, patience, and grace.

Hedley had the unique distinction of serving as archdeacon in all three of the dioceses in which he had been a parish priest, as, in retirement, Hedley covered the vacancies as the Acting Archdeacon of Malmesbury and subsequently Acting Archdeacon of Oxford. He was indeed an outstanding and godly archdeacon.

Throughout his ministry, Hedley was a school governor at both state and independent schools. His presence and wisdom were always valued. He had the great gift of being able to stand back and see situations and issues in their entirety. Indeed, he was at a Zoom meeting of school governors only three weeks before he died.

Hedley was immensely proud of his family, and they provided him with a deep stability and lasting joy. Rosemary and the children, Chris, Emma, and Louise, all shared in a ministry of welcome and hospitality, besides giving their musical expertise in worship and in the wider communities in which they lived. There are countless people, both lay and ordained, who have cause to be immeasurably grateful for the Ringroses, and especially for Hedley's part in their lives. It is with great gratitude and affection that he will always be remembered.

The Ven. Hedley Sidney Ringrose died on 15 April, aged 78.

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*"A day without sunshine is like... night"*

## **HEDLEY REMEMBERED...**

I returned to Church following the Baptism of our two children Andrew and Richard by Hedley. I will always remember his kindness and gentleness and his caring for ourselves and all our extended family. Richard's baptism was done around harvest time and my little niece Nicola decided she liked the look of the rosy red apples laid out in front of the Altar.

Mummy was rather anxious that she might take one and pulled her back. Tears were on the way and Hedley said, "Don't worry Mum just let her wander" which she duly did, and no apple was harmed in the process.

Following the baptism, I came back to church to re-evaluate and rekindle my faith, but I needed to feel my own way slowly. I didn't take communion for practically a year, but on hearing the words; Draw near with faith; I went forward for communion. Hedley's words to me as I left the church that morning were. "Linda, I was so glad that you felt able to take communion; I knew you would get there in your own time."

That was Hedley, he seemed to know instinctively not to push but to allow people to find their own way. Hedley took me out on several occasion to tricky pastoral situations and I was able to observe him quietly at what he did best. His gentleness, kindness, empathy, and lovely sense of humour always carried him through many sticky situations.

I will be ever grateful to dear Hedley for allowing me what I needed at that point in my journey back to faith as our love and prayers go out to Rosie and family.

May he rise in glory and rest in peace.

LINDA MEDWELL

*"Therapy may be expensive, popping bubble wrap isn't"*

## OUR BIG DAY

We have started planning for Rachel's Institution and Induction. (Perhaps we could shorten it to the '2i' or maybe the InstiDuction?) It will be at St George's on Monday 26th July at 7.00pm.

Planning isn't proving too easy. As I write, the country is awaiting news of the long-promised relaxation of the Covid restrictions, scheduled for 21st June. That may go ahead... or it may well be delayed for perhaps two or four weeks, or even longer. But even if things are relaxed, what will be the detailed guidance for the churches, and how long will we have to wait for that to come through?

At the moment we can only plan on the existing rules, i.e. social distancing, masks, and no singing, but it is still possible that things may change in our favour on one or more of these issues.

On that basis, several points have come up so far:

- 1) We may be able to sing outside at the beginning and end of the service (depending on the weather of course!)
- 2) We aren't expecting a large contingent from Lincoln. In fact, Rachel will be supported by just five people, including of course her husband Paul. Allowing for the Bishop, Archdeacon and other guests, this means that there should be room for about thirty from our own congregations. (But that may increase if Covid rules change).
- 3) Possibly we could arrange for an overflow congregation outdoors or in the Main Hall, connected by a video link.
- 4) Refreshments will have to be minimal. We plan to provide a glass of wine or fruit juice at the end. But that will probably be that... so people will need to have something to eat before setting out.
- 5) We aim to avoid excessive length (of course!) but there will be a number of duties to be covered. These will include the readings, intercessions, presentation of symbolic gifts at the altar, and welcomes from representatives of the Tuffley church and community.

Please expect to see a good range of folk doing things, from both our churches, and from the wider community. This won't of course be a purely St George's event. I am sure we can count on our stalwarts not to be upset if they aren't asked to do the jobs they might usually expect to do.

Rachel has chosen the hymns and songs - that is her privilege for this occasion! I have had a sneaky preview and I am sure everyone will enjoy her selection. One hymn may be a little less familiar: "There's a wideness in God's mercy". I'm not sure when we last sang it! We will have to work it in once or twice before the big day, so we can get used to it.

That's about all I say as of now (mid-June) but listen out for further news as the weeks go by. One thing is for sure – this will be a red-letter day for us, and for our partners in Church in Tuffley, and I hope for the wider community.

JONATHAN

**OUR APCMs**  
**will take place on Sunday 11 JULY 2021**

Both St. George's and St. Margaret's are holding their Annual Meetings immediately following the services in each Church on Sunday 11th July. This is when the previous year is reviewed and appointments of Church Wardens, members of the Parochial Church Council and representatives to the Deanery Synod are made for the ensuing year. This is an important occasion in the Church year so please do your best to attend. Better still, we are always looking for new members with fresh ideas, so why not get involved and help Rachel through her first year as Vicar here. For more information, please speak to Roger Meadows, Lay Chair of St. George's or Hans Rackham, Lay Chair of St. Margaret's.

ROGER



## **CHURCH WARDENS**

Following our APCM when you elect Church Wardens to serve our parishes Archdeacon Hilary will commission them and which will include the reading of the wardens' special responsibilities:

*"With your clergy you are to share in the administration of the parish and the care of church buildings. You are to promote the whole mission of the church, which is pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. These things you are called to do to the glory of God and for the well-being of Christ's Church. To him therefore, upon whose grace we rely, and in whose love, we trust, let us dedicate ourselves, our lives and our work, praying together to be made worthy of our calling, and for the Holy Spirit's strength to fulfil it."*

Please support the Church Wardens that you elect on 11 July in meeting the above special responsibilities with your regular prayers. Thank you.

## **ANNUAL REPORTS' PACK**

Now that the date of St George's and St Margaret's APCMs has been arranged the report pack covering most of 2020's activities has been produced. This includes, reports from Churchwardens, Treasurers and our Pioneer amongst others. If you haven't picked up a pack from church or looked at these documents on our website yet, please do so ASAP.

Editor: *If you have an email address, I can email a copy to you almost by return.*

## **MESSAGE FROM BISHOP RACHEL**

### **Saying 'yes' to God**

Last weekend I had the joy of being with the curates of this diocese as they gathered for a weekend of teaching, prayer and reflection; and next week I will be on retreat with those among them preparing for ordination as deacons and

priests. This will be a significant landmark in their lives, but most importantly a significant landmark in the life of the Church, because ordination is primarily about the calling of the whole Body of Christ.

When those to be ordained priest and deacon stand in the cathedral and publicly say 'yes' to God, it is rooted in the 'yes' of baptism. It is why the ordination service begins with the words:

'The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his Kingdom'.

I pray that we will all keep these words in mind as we emerge into the next season and experiment locally with new patterns of worship, so that all expressions of our gathered worship, not least across multi-parish benefices, send out the youngest to the oldest into daily life to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of God's Kingdom. If our local expressions of Church do not have this at the heart then we are in danger of doing Church but not being Church.

As I listen to the stories of those coming to be ordained, and those once more coming to confirmation to confirm the promises that were made when they were baptised, often as tiny children, I am struck by the big 'yes' having often emerged from seemingly small words and encounters which have been fanned into flame by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ's words as told in last Sunday's gospel reading (Mark 4:31 – 32) speak of the tiny seed growing into an enormous tree, whose branches become a place of welcome, hospitality, life, and home, for the birds of the air. Here is a picture of the Kingdom of God which begins with the small.

As the ordinands prepare to say 'yes' to serving Christ in their calling, may these coming weeks and months be a season for a fresh 'yes' to God from us all, from the youngest to the oldest. It is perhaps good to remember that this is not only the time of year for ordinations but it is also the time of year for our primary school leavers' services, taking place online at a school near you. It is a beautiful time of worship as the children look back with thanks and are sent out to the next chapter of their lives, amid so much that is uncertain and unknown. Yet children are often far better than adults at authentically living their faith in the

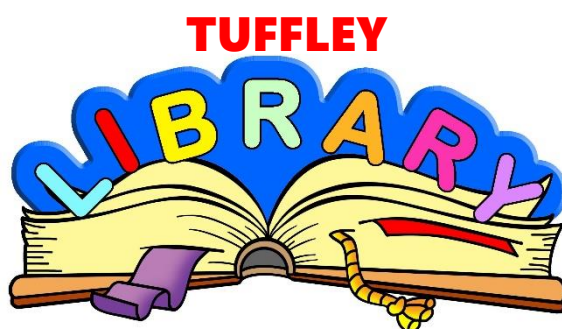
small things of everyday life and being Church among the people and places of their week, including home and school.

As we pray for our 15 new priests and six new deacons, and all those participating in a leavers' service in their school, let us continue to pray for one another that we would have the courage, from the tiniest to the tallest, to say 'yes' to God afresh in our commitment to follow Christ, and to be expectant about what can take root and grow in the stuff of our everyday lives as we seek to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of God's Kingdom.

With my thanks and prayers as ever,

+ Rachel

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It has been great to see our loyal customers, and some new ones, venturing slowly back into the library over these last few weeks. Our aim is to keep us all safe, following all recommended guidelines.

At the time of writing, it looks unlikely that we will be able to return to our more normal services for a while. It is a frustrating time. We have had many enquiries from our knitters and baby bouncers eager to hear when the groups may resume. Rest assured we will shout it from the roof tops!!

In the meantime, we are open for browsing and borrowing; there is lots of new stock on the shelves. Just remember to check the library website for current opening times, as in the current situation these are liable to updating at short notice. Also, our ever-expanding online services of e books and e audio books are worth exploring if you haven't already, all free with your library membership.

For anyone required or wishing to shield at home we are expanding our home delivery service of books and spoken word books. If you know of anyone who might benefit from this service, do get in touch.

For children, the Summer Reading Challenge gets underway from July 10th. It would be great to enrol the children/grandchildren in your life onto this scheme which aims to support their reading skills over the long summer break. You can do so online or in person at the library. We will be holding some outdoor events and activities connected with this year's theme 'WILD WORLD HEROES'. For starters, our wonderful storyteller Bill Church will be spinning some magical wild world tales in early August. Check out the website or call us to find out more. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

MARGARET AND STEVE  
Tuffley Library, Windsor Drive, Tel 01452 522160

*“Sitting under a tree in a park in the summer,  
listening to birds chirping and watching squirrels, squirrel;  
while reading a good book is priceless”*

### **DOVER SOULS by Tony J**

The French like to fish for an easy catch  
But with the Dover Souls they've met their match  
Easier to send them to English waters  
Whether they be sons or daughters

Send them off in rubber boats  
Little clothing, perhaps with cheap life coats  
Take their chance, they've paid their due  
Just head for the cliffs when they come into view

Sorry souls seeking asylum here  
Leaving behind - nothing to cheer  
A new life beckons – it's worth the risk  
Border Control ensures the voyage is brisk

They arrive on shore in a Priti state  
Ready and prepared to accept their fate  
But are our streets paved with gold  
They should never believe all that's told

Now ensconced at journey's end  
And broken lives begin to mend  
In a system with so many holes  
Please don't judge these Dover Souls



- 1 What breaks yet never falls, and what falls yet never breaks?
- 2 What goes through cities and fields, but never moves?
- 3 A man looks at a painting in a museum and says, "Brothers and sisters I have none, but that man's father is my father's son." Who is in the painting?
- 4 I have four wings, but cannot fly, I never laugh and never cry; on the same spot I'm always found, toiling away with little sound. What am I?

**Editor's note:** I'm thinking of giving the Fun Riddles a break for a while and introducing a monthly Limerick challenge. You can email me Limericks that you have written or your favourite Limericks. I will judge whether or not they are suitable for publishing in Crossroads. Or I can continue with the Fun Riddles – What would you prefer? My contact details are inside the front cover. Just in case you are not aware what a Limerick is here are a couple of examples: -

*A fellow jumped off a high wall,  
And had a most terrible fall.  
He went back to bed,  
With a bump on his head,  
That's why you don't jump off a wall.*

*There was an odd fellow named Gus,  
When travelling he made such a fuss.  
He was banned from the train,  
Not allowed on a plane,  
And now only travels by bus.*

*The 13<sup>th</sup> of each month is your deadline to get your offerings to me.*

**LITTER PICK**  
**10.00am Saturday 24 July**  
**Meet in**  
**St Barnabas's Car Park**



**Just a  
reminder...**

To have your **AUGUST 2021 CROSSROADS** ready for publication on Sunday 25 July 2021

**ARTICLES NEED TO BE IN THE EDITORS' HANDS  
PREFERABLY BY EMAIL BEFORE, BUT NO LATER THAN...  
...TUESDAY 13 JULY**

The earlier you can get your articles to the Editors the greater chance of getting it published.

**Thank you for your help in this matter**

## **WEDDING REGISTERS**

The procedures for wedding certificates and registers changed with effect from May 2021. To comply, all the wedding registers of our two churches have been handed over to the Registrar and the Gloucester Archivist at the Gloucestershire Heritage Hub just off Alvin Street, Gloucester. The end result of this is that we no longer have any information regarding weddings that have taken place in either of our two churches, so are no longer able to provide copies of wedding certificates.

If anyone in your family or friends asks about a copy wedding certificates, they will need to contact the Registrar at Gloucestershire Heritage Hub and pay them a fee. The registrar will be the only person to contact regarding copies of wedding certificates for all future weddings too.



## **GOSPEL QUIZ**

Questions based on the Gospel readings for May

- 1 Jesus said, "I am the true vine". Who was the vine grower?
- 2 What does the vine grower do with branches that bear no fruit?
- 3 What does the vine grower do with branches that do bear fruit?
- 4 Jesus gave a commandment, "that you love one another as \_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_. What are the missing words?
- 5 Jesus prayed for His disciples. In which of the Gospels and in which chapter will you find His prayer?
- 6 Jesus told His disciples that when He went away, He would send them the Holy Spirit, but what word did Jesus use to describe the Holy Spirit?
- 7 Jesus, speaking about the Holy Spirit, said, "And when he comes he will prove the world wrong about \_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_". Can you name any of the 3 missing words.
- 8 Jesus met a Pharisee one night and this man was a secret follower of Jesus. Who was he?
- 9 When speaking to this man Jesus said, "No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_". What are the missing words?
- 10 Who lifted the serpent in the wilderness?

### **RUBY LODGE, RIP**

You are invited by The Lodge family, to a service to celebrate the life of Ruby on Wednesday 18 August 2021. The service will take place in St George's Church at 11.00am; followed by a chance to catch up over a cup of tea etc. in our Small Hall. We will be joined by members of Grange Baptist Church as there is a family history attending worship there too.

# PETER'S JULY



- 1 Who was the Spanish architect who died in June 1926 and designed the Park Guell in Barcelona?
- 2 Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria in 1967 in which war?
- 3 Born in June 1956, for what has Patricia Cornwell become famous?
- 4 In June 1692, Bridget Bishop was hanged in Massachusetts for what crime?
- 5 The first Boat Race between the universities of Oxford and Cambridge took place in June of which year? a) 1829 b) 1849 c) 1869
- 6 Which international mutual aid group dealing with one form of addiction was set up in 1935 by Dr Robert Smith and Bill Wilson?
- 7 Henry VIII married his first wife in June 1509, what was her name?
- 8 In 1770 which British explorer ran aground on the Great Barrier Reef?
- 9 What first took place between Paris-Bordeaux-Paris in June 1895?
- 10 June 1962 allegedly saw the escape of Frank Morris, John and Clarence Anglin from where?

## **ANSWERS TO PETER'S QUIZ TIME!**

The Editor owns up to making an error in last month's issue by duplicating April's answers so to correct the situation here are both May and June's answers. My apologies to all those who noticed...

May's

1 1981: 2 2003: 3 1982: 4 1994: 5 1984: 6 1970:

June's

1 Libya: 2 Kenneth Wolstenholme: 3 Adam Sandler: 4 Marshmallows:  
5 Gracious: 6 William Wordsworth: 7 Liverpool: 8 Ground Force:  
9 Michael Caine: 10 Tennis:



**QUIET PRAYER GROUP**  
**is meeting again**  
**Friday 30 July at 2.30pm**  
**in St George's Church**

**JILL'S JOTTINGS**  
from St Margaret's

Well, hello folks, its that person again, moaning Minnie herself. My mates Marilyn and Dianne and I have been up to our necks with the cleaning again. We always put the world to rights when we get together; we do enjoy having a cup of coffee to start off our morning and then it's down to brass tacks and elbow grease.

Dianne is a whiz with the spray polish, Marilyn is on the brass, and I am either on my hands and knees polishing the floor under the seats or cleaning the floors with the cleaner. However, today, Monday 7 June we were all early getting to St Margaret's, so we started getting on with our chores. We still see quite few people coming into our churchyard and they come in to say hello. We do enjoy interacting with people and we say that we have chosen a new Vicar and she will be with us from 26 July.

Rachel looks as though she is a very welcoming person, so I, for one, will be very glad to welcome her and her husband, Paul to St Margaret's. She did pop into St Margaret's and churchyard on the day of her interview, she thought that they were both charming and well looked after. So, I hope that she will be with us for many years to come.

We are hoping to have a Churchyard service again this year. We last had one in 2019 and that was very well attended; it's proposed that Sunday 19 September will be the date, but it is still in the planning stage. I hope to be at the service which will be three days before my next birthday, one thing to look forward to.

My friends that's about all for this month, so until next month love and God bless from me and the gang.

JILL PONTER

## **RIDDLE-ME-REE ANSWERS**

1 Day and night: 2 A road: 3 The man's son: 4 A windmill:



## **OVER THE GARDEN FENCE**

Maya, Maya, where are you, Maya! I'm over here, Trix, whatever's the matter? Well, Maya, it's all gone! What's all gone, Trix? Well, you know, that little white house by the fence. Yes, you mean the one we can see through. That's the one Maya, you know there was lots of stuff in there, but it's all gone! Our mum watered in there every other day, and it smelt all funny, but she kept doing it and now it's all gone! I know that she said she was going upto Auntie Marg's. I wonder if JoJo knows what happened to all that stuff?

Trixie, you will have to find Auntie Marg's machine number in our Mum's book of numbers. I know, Maya, but I'm not quite sure where to look. Oh, oh, you had better pick up that machine Trixie and if it isn't our JoJo that answers you'll have to make up an excuse for us. Ok, Maya, hello, hello, is that you JoJo? No what happened to you then, well I never, I'm glad that you rang us JoJo as we don't have Auntie Marg's machine number. Well, I just can't find Auntie Marg in this book that our Mum keeps by the machine. Oh, alright JoJo I will let you ring us up when our Mum's not around. JoJo, what Maya and I want to know is has anything happened at your house? Well, it's like this, our Mum has a little

house at the side of our fence, and you can see through it and there were lots of stuff in this little house and now it's all gone. Did my Mum bring it all to your house, JoJo? Because she keeps saying that she has to go to Auntie Marg's to sort the patch out, what patch JoJo?

The veg patch! My Mum has been putting stuff in the veg patch that she grew in her little house. Well, that explains everything, doesn't it! What, JoJo? You have a million cabbages in your garden, well that's an awful lot of cabbages. What else did my Mum plant? Beetroot and Carrots in a tubs, I think we are going to be very health felines, don't you JoJo? You don't know if you like that sort of stuff? We have leeks in the veg patch too Trix, some shallots and other stuff. I don't know else but our veg patch is full up!

I bet your Mum is really busy as well in her garden JoJo. Oh, hello Maya, I didn't think that you were there too. Well JoJo, I have to let Trixie take charge of the machine sometimes, anyway, how are you these days. Oh dear, JoJo, you had an upset tummy, I know what you mean JoJo. My Mum just feeds us on biscuits for a couple of days with lots of water. I know it doesn't seem very nice, but we soon get our appetites back. Our Mum's a bit nuts but she does feed us well and she looks after us as well.

What have you been upto lately? Well not a lot really come to think of it. We saw a fella that my Mum knew, she called him Black Jack and was in love with Mum's other cat, Willow. He always calls her Willer. I don't know what the difference was, but Willow died, and he stopped coming to see our Mum, but he's back again, don't know for how long this time but my Mum says he's an old boy now and if he stops around, she will feed him. As for the rest of the guys, I haven't seen Harry for a few weeks, the Gingers say that he's still a bit off colour and we saw Yasmin the other day, she said the kitchen window was left open, so she sneaked out again. I bet her Mum had a fit.

Oh, OK JoJo speak to you again, yes I'll tell her, she's just down the path talking to the Gingers again, 'bye JoJo. Trixie, JoJo said 'bye until the next time and I think that it's time that we said cheerio too; so, say ta-ta to the folks then Trix. Oh, ta-ta everyone 'til next time and it's also cheerio from me, Maya and the rest of the gang.

TRIXIE AND MAYA PONTER

## **GOSPEL TRUTH BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS**

1 His Father: 2 He Removes them: 3 He Prunes them: 4 I have loved you:  
5 John 17: 6 Advocate: 7 sin, righteousness and judgement: 8 Nicodemus:  
9 water Spirit: 10 Moses:



## **THROUGH THE WINDOW**

Hello everyone, It's me again! I nearly forgot to write this as my Mum never reminded me!!

It's got very warm lately. I don't know what to do with myself, I try to stay in the shade to keep cool; even the evenings are humid, and I don't like it, neither does my Mum. It's just too hot! My Mum is looking a lot better but she has no energy. She does a little bit, then has to sit down for a while. Auntie Jill won't let her do too much either and tells her off, only because she cares. My Mum has to go somewhere to see a specialist, what for I don't know.

A little while ago my Mum had a visitor, well two really and that pesky dog, I have to stay shut up in my Mum's bedroom. I have everything I need but I like my freedom. Freedom to go where I like, do what I like and with whom I like. Still, it's only once in a while, you should hear my Mum and Auntie Jill they moon over it, talk to it as if it can understand everything they are saying! But they're like that with all animals. They don't like cruelty to animals, or children for that matter.

I still get that other cat who would like to come in and eat my food, but it's not allowed. I have seen another cat in my garden, but I don't go anywhere near it, it's a lot bigger and stronger than me, so I stay well away from it! Luckily, I don't see it often.

My Mum hasn't mentioned that word. That horrible word, VET, but no doubt it'll come, and I'll have to have a check-up and pins. They do the most horrible things to you there. I protest loudly, as you can imagine. It doesn't get me anywhere so; I'll just have to grin and bear it. I don't think that Maya and Trixie like it either. Well, they do try and cut our toes off!

Anyway, 'bye for now...

JOJO WHITTLE



## JUNE

Sun 27		<b>TRINITY 4</b> <b>Ordination of Helen McGeoch</b> Printed copies of July Crossroads available	
	9.00am	Parish Communion with Andrew Frearson	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Andrew Frearson	St G's
	3.00pm	Private let	SH
	4.30pm	Private let	MH
Mon 28	5.00pm	Brownies – outside or MH if wet	
	6.00pm	Brownies - outside or MH if wet	
Wed 30	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World	St G's

## JULY

Thu 1	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 4		<b>TRINITY 5</b>	
	10.30am	Family Praise	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Sandra Millar	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 5	5.00pm	Brownies - outside or MH if wet	
	6.00pm	Brownies – outside or MH if wet	
	7.15pm	Guides meet in Main Hall	

Tue 6	4.00pm	Benefice Standing Committee	Zoom
Wed 7	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World	MH
Thu 8	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 11		<b>TRINITY 6</b>	
	9.00am	Parish Communion with Adrian Slade followed by APCM (see article on page 8)	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Adrian Slade followed by APCM (see article on page 8)	St G's
Mon 12	5.00pm	Brownies – outside or MH if wet	
	6.00pm	Brownies – outside or MH if wet	
	7.00pm	Church Centre Management Committee	MH
Tue 13		August Crossroads deadline	
Wed 14	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World	MH
Thu 15	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Sun 18		<b>TRINITY 7</b>	
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Jo Wetherall	St G's
	12.00noon	Baptism	St M's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's
Mon 19		August Crossroads printing week	
	5.00pm	Brownies – outside or MH if wet	
	6.00pm	Brownies – outside or MH if wet	
Tue 20	4.00pm	Benefice Standing Committee	Zoom
Wed 21	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World	MH
	7.30pm	Refresh meet at St Barnabas Church	
		Last day of term for most schools	
Thu 22	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M's
Sat 24	10.00am	Litter pick – meet in St Barnabas Car Park	
Sun 25		<b>TRINITY 8</b>	
		August Crossroads available	
	9.00am	Parish Communion with Archdeacon Hilary	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with Archdeacon Hilary	St G's
Mon 26	7.00pm	Licensing of Rev Rachel Beck as parish priest for St George's and St Margaret's	
Wed 28	8.15am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	3.30pm	Slimming World	MH

Thu 29	10.30am	Parish Communion	St M'
Fri 30	2.30pm	Quiet Prayer Group	St G's

## AUGUST

Sun 1		TRINITY 9	
	10.30am	Family Praise	St M's
	10.30am	Parish Communion with our Vicar Rev Rachel Beck	St G's
	5.00pm	Evensong	St M's

**Editors' note:** Please note that events may be moved, added to, or cancelled, any changes will be noted in Signpost our weekly newsletter and in the calendar on our website.

*Should you know of anything missing from the above listing of dates please let us know so we can update our information for the future. Many thanks*

## CROSSROADS ARTICLES

Glenda and I are happy to accept and consider articles for Crossroads at any time from contributors, if you feel that you have an article or poem that you would like to write, what better time is there than to do it now? We would prefer articles to be emailed to us at ds52604@gmail.com or they can be emailed to the church office at stgeorgeschurch1@gmail.com our deadline each month is always the 13th but, of course, you can send an article in as early as you like. If you are sending something that you have seen or read, please make sure that you have permission for it to be reproduced. Cheers!

GLEND A AND DARRELL

*"The perfect summer day is when the sun is shining,  
the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing,  
and the lawn mower is broken"*

## **LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR TO FINISH WITH...**

What do dentists call their x-rays? Tooth pics!

Did you hear about the fire at the circus? It was in tents!

What does a house wear? Address!

Why are toilets always so good at poker? They always get a flush.

You heard the rumour going around about butter? Never mind, I shouldn't spread it.

Two windmills are standing on a wind farm. One asks, "What's your favourite kind of music?" The other replies, "I'm a big metal fan."

I took the shell off my racing snail the other day, thinking it would make him faster; but if anything, it made him more sluggish.

How does NASA organize a party? They planet.

Why doesn't Dracula have any friends? Well, honestly, he's a real pain in the neck.

My teachers told me I'd never amount to much since I procrastinate so much. I told them, "Just you wait!"

Want to hear a joke about a roof? The first one's on the house.

Why don't teddy bears order a pudding? Because they're always stuffed.

Did you hear about the cheese factory that exploded in France? There was nothing left but de Brie.

I told my wife that I was off to work and that I would pick up Fish and Chips on my way home. She just grunted at me and didn't say another word. I suppose that it's all my fault, I shouldn't have named our twins Fish and Chips!